

**HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE PRECINCT
MEETING
June 8, 2011**

Present

Chuck Rage, Chairman & Commissioner
Gary Kubik, Commissioner
Steve LaBranche, Treasurer

Chairman Rage called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chairman Rage introduced the members of the Board.

Marketing

John Kane, Marketing Director, said work is being done to finalize the sand sculpture event, the calendars and brochures. The entertainment is booked. The sand sculpture event is drawing a lot of interest. The Boston Globe had a page on the Hampton Beach event. There was also advertising in New Hampshire Living. The event will take place at the top of High Street.

Mr. Kane said there will be a lot of TV, radio and newspaper ads in the next two weeks. The slogan is "Hampton Beach. A whole lot more and just a drive away". Hampton Beach is being promoted as a great value and a great beach. The Chamber of Commerce will be up and running.

Mr. Kane said Maureen Buckley, Events Coordinator, is asking for volunteers for the sand sculpture event, particularly on June 17th and June 29th. Anyone interested should call Maureen at 396-6225.

Mr. Kane said the posters will be available by the end of next week.

Greg Grady said sand will be dropped on June 17th, the competition will be June 23rd through June 25th, and the sand will be removed on June 29th. Mr. Grady said the American Airlines in-flight magazine has highlighted Hampton Beach as "One of the Go To places for this summer".

Entertainment

Glen French, Entertainment Coordinator, said the entertainment program began on Memorial Day. The temporary stage appears to be in place. Mr. French said he had been told that there will be benches.

Mr. French said a persistent problem is parking and this will continue to be addressed.

Mr. French said the entertainers are excited about performing this year because they hope to be invited back next year on the new stage.

Chamber of Commerce

Doc Noel said so far 3,000 brochures have been mailed out. There should be many Canadian visitors because the exchange rate will favor them. The requests for Visitors' Guides have been very high in Canada.

The calendar of events is being worked on now. Thirty thousand copies will be printed and sent to hotels and all centers.

Mr. Noel said he received the key to the new office today. The phones will be in place on Tuesday. Mr. Noel said parking is a problem and they would like to request one space from the Precinct. The ATM has been delivered and lottery tickets will be sold. Mike O'Neil said he would work out the parking space issue with the fire station.

Jamie Sullivan, Chief, Hampton Police Department, said they have been in contact with Warren Pierce of American Thunder regarding the fireworks.

Chairman Rage asked about the new law concerning the sale of martial arts weapons. Chief Sullivan said they are working on identifying those shops.

Beautification

Linda Gebhart said the Beautification Committee has put in a lot of hours on the gardens. There is a new garden between the Ashworth and the Sea Memorial. There are 10 different varieties of irises in the Mile Long Bridge Garden. The daisies along 101 are in bloom.

Ms. Gebhart said a memorial was held for Diana LaMontagne on Memorial Day. The family presented a check for \$400 to the Committee. Ms. Gebhart thanked Ed St. Pierre who made the bench and plaque and refused to accept any payment.

Ms. Gebhart said the Portsmouth Garden Club would be coming for a tour on Wednesday.

Ms. Gebhart said the Committee is always looking for help with watering, etc.

Hampton Arts

Art Gopalan said he was representing the Hampton Arts Network. Mr. and Mrs. Gebhart are also on the Board. This network was formed to promote art and artists in Hampton. Mr. Gopalan said artists who want to come to the beach to work have a problem with

parking. Mr. Gopalan asked if some spaces could be set aside for weekdays. Mr. Gopalan said they are also interested in doing chalk art for children.

Chairman Rage suggested having an artists' week in August. Regarding parking, Chairman Rage said everyone with a resident sticker can park in the Church Street lot. Mr. Gopalan noted that some artists would not be residents. Mike O'Neil said parking can be had for \$5 or \$10 per day and perhaps a reservation system could be set up.

Old Business

Mr. LaBranche said he would like it on the record that he had provided the following to Mr. Tim Jones: a list of those receiving property exemptions, all communications between the Village District and New Hampshire Dept. of Revenue. The written agreement between the Town of Hampton Treasurer and Village District Treasurer which was requested is being prepared by Town Counsel at this time. When completed, it will be presented to Mr. Jones.

New Business

There was no new business.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Mr. Kubik, seconded by Mr. Rage, to approve the Minutes of May 12, 2011, as amended.

Vote: 2-0-0. Motion passed unanimously.

Amendment made: Under Public Comment, the vote should read as follows:

"Vote: 2-0-1 (Kubik). Motion passed."

Public Comment

Tim Jones, 16 Dustin Avenue, said he still had not received the parking statements . Chairman Rage said he will get the statements to Mr. Jones. Mr. Jones said Mr. LaBranche has been very responsive with his recent requests. Mr. Jones requested that the April Minutes be amended deleting that he had objected to Public Comment being limited. Mr. Jones said his request for web stats is still outstanding.

Closing Comments

There were no closing comments.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice
Secretary